

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1-5, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sheet discharging apparatus comprising:  
a sheet discharging unit which discharges a sheet; and  
a charge eliminating member which is arranged on a downstream side in a  
sheet discharging direction of said sheet discharging unit,

wherein said charge eliminating member is arranged along the sheet  
discharging direction so as to be opposite to a surface of the sheet being discharged by said  
discharging unit, and a tip portion of said charge eliminating member faces to the downstream  
side of the sheet discharging direction for discharging a sheet in a sheet discharging direction;  
and

~~a charge eliminating member, said charge eliminating member being disposed~~  
~~downstream said sheet discharging unit with its tip portion being directed along the sheet~~  
~~discharging direction from an upstream side of the sheet discharging direction toward a~~  
~~downstream side of the sheet discharging direction.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A sheet discharging apparatus according to claim  
1, further comprising a sheet stacking unit on which the sheet discharged by said sheet  
discharging unit is stacked, said sheet stacking unit being able to ascend and descend,  
wherein said charge eliminating member is contactable with an end of the sheet  
stacked on said sheet stacking unit ~~wherein said charge eliminating member is capable of~~

~~establishing contact with end portions of sheets stacked in a sheet stacking unit which can ascend and descend, and in which sheets discharged by said sheet discharging unit are stacked.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A sheet discharging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said charge eliminating member is disposed a predetermined distance away from a sheet said surface of a the sheet being discharged by ~~said sheet discharging unit~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A sheet treating apparatus comprising:  
a sheet treating unit ~~for treating~~ which treats a sheet; and  
a sheet discharging apparatus ~~for discharging~~ which discharge the sheet treated by said sheet treating unit;

wherein said sheet discharging apparatus is a sheet discharging apparatus recited in any one of claims 1 to 3.

5. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
an image forming unit ~~for forming~~ which forms an image on a sheet; and  
a sheet discharging apparatus ~~for discharging~~ which discharges the sheet on which an image is formed by said image forming unit;

wherein said sheet discharging apparatus is a sheet discharging apparatus recited in any one of claims 1 to 3.